THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) to (c) On account of resources constraints, the allocations to the Power Sector would be less than that projected by the Working Group on Power. As a consequence, the number of new projects on which a start would be made in the Seventh Plan would be less than what was envisaged by the Working Group on Power. Details in this regard would be available after the Seventh Plan is finalised and approved by the National Development Council.

Issue of Bonds for development of Railways

186. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a proposal to issue bonds for raising funds for the development of Railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Demand of Commuters in Madras

187. SHRI V.GOPALSAMY:

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some commuters disrupted the Madras Suburban train services on the 8th July, 1985;

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action has been taken to meet their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Train timings were changed consequent upon introduction of 5 days a week in Central Government Offices and also the changes in the office hours of State Government offices. Employees of some private offices and banks where office timings did not match with the timings of revised schedules, protested against the revised timings of FS-II, EMU trains on 8-7-1985.

(c) Their main demand has already been met by re-scheduling FS-II with effect from 17-7-85. Their further demand of increase in frequency of MG suburban trains will have to wait as resources are not available for increasing the frequency.

Second Class ladies compartment in 311/314 passenger trains

188. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Member of Parliament has requested for the introduction of a second class ladies compartment between Nagercoil and Tirunelveli in 311/314 passenger trains; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes Sir,.

(b) The accommodation for ladies in 311/314 passenger trains has been augmented to a full second class coach from 19-7-1985.

Firing by Pakistan in Siachen Glacier

189. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:

SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over the last one year or so Pakistan has been continuously firing over the Indian positions in Siachen Glacier and of late there has been heavy deployment of Pakistani troops in the area;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the number of casualties suffered on the Indian side and the steps taken by the Government of India in the matter; and

(c) whether Government have lodged any protest with the Government of Pakistan in this regard; if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) There have been some incidents of firing and attempts by Pakistani troops to dislodge our troops from positions in the Siachen Glacier area. These incidents have resulted in some casualties on both sides.

(c) The matter has been taken up with Pakistan on a number of occasions.

Central Schools in the Country

190. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Central schools in the country and the number of students studying therein;

(b) how many Central schools are presently functioning in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) whether in view of the popularity of such schools, the demand for opening more schools has increased; if so, whether there is any proposal to open more schools in the Jammu region?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) 496 Kendriya Vidyalayas (Central Schools) were functioning in the country as on 30-4-1985. Information regarding the number of students studying in these schools is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possibe.

(b) Fifteen.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Demand of Power by the Jammu and Kashmir Government

191 SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how much power from the Central grid and other resources at present is being given to Jammu and Kashmir to meet its power shortage; and

(b) how much power the State had demanded from the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) At present, on an average 0.21 million units